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THE DEPARTMENT STORE SLEUTHS, A SAD AND SLEUTHY TALE

*Being the Record of What Occurred When Invisible
Government Ran Riot, and the Veracious History
of the Unveracious Mrs. Kramner.*

(Editor's Note.—While so much that is serious and shocking about the invisible government and those who live by and through it is being exposed, it is well to remember that there are phases of that shadowy institution as ridiculous and farcical as some of its phases are damnable. This is a story of private detectives and private detective agencies, seeking to serve the invisible government, seeking to earn the bread of shame, and going clean mad in the process; a story of unveracious lady sleuths, and of how detective agencies detect and love not each other.)

As nearly as one can judge, the Eve of this tale is one Mrs. Kramner, a lady sleuth.

Mrs. Kramner, calling herself Miss Kramner, oozed in among the State street department store girls at one of the first of the union meetings, introducing herself as an employee of Siegel, Cooper & Co.

She formed a habit of dragging girls into dark corners and telling them weepy and horrific tales of how hardly she had been used at Siegel, Cooper & Co., and how it rejoiced her

to see the girls organizing for their own protection.

So affecting were these tales of the sorrows of Mrs. Kramner that the girls elected her first temporary, and then permanent financial secretary of the union.

The succeeding happenings were swift, vigorous and requiring of explanation. Rothschild's fired the girl elected treasurer of the union; the Boston Store fired the girl elected vice president; of the officers of the union only Mrs. Kramner was left attached to a job.

The names of the officers of the